GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4774
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000
AUTONOMY TO STATES
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to implement the Sarkaria Commission`s recommendations with particular reference to give more powers to the States;

(b) whether the Government propose to take any new initiatives for giving more powers to the States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4774 REGARDING` AUTONOI STATES` FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2000

1. The Inter State Council set up under article 263 of the Constitution of India vide the Presidential Order dated 28.5.1990 has been deliberating upon the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission. The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission envisage developing harmonious Centre-State relations and giving more financial, administrative and legislative powers to the States. The Council has so far held six meetings and taken views on 171 out of 247 recommendations made by the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations. Those recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on which the Inter-State Council has taken final views have been referred to the Ministries/Departments concerned for implementations. While 76 out of these 171 recommendations have been implemented in phases, 80 are in the process of implementation. Fifteen recommendations have been rejected. The remaining 76 recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission are yet to be considered by the Standing Committee/the Inter-State Council for a final view.

2 . The Government is committed to continue in its endeavour to evolve a broad consensus on the implementation of steps for devolution of such powers to the States as would be conducive to efficiency in administration, acceleration of development and the fullest realization of the creative potential of all sections of our people.